

STILLWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Notice: These minutes reflect the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners. The official minutes are on file with the Clerk and Recorder (MCA 7-4-2611(2)(b)).

REGULAR MEETING MARCH 22, 2016

Present: Commissioners Gerald W. Dell, Co-Chair and Maureen Davey, Member; Lori Dobitz, Administrative Assistant. Others Present: Mark Schreiner, Road Superintendent; Jerry Friend, Treasurer; Will Patterson, Weed Coordinator; Monica Plecker, Contract Planner CTA; Webb Mandeville; Dennis Holten, City of Columbus Public Works; Rich Cowger, Columbus Fire Chief; and Rick Hanners, Stillwater County News. Absent: Commissioner Dennis Shupak.

Open Meeting: Commissioner Dell opened the meeting at 9:00 am with the pledge to the flag.

Minutes Approval: Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held on March 9, 2016, on the Absarokee RSID 5 & 7. Commissioner Dell **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously

Bid Opening: Weed Spraying Bids for the 2016 season for Weed Management Areas 1-4 were opened and read aloud by Joe Morse, Finance Specialist as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Monture Creek	Seely Lake, MT	1-4	\$80/hr Polaris \$90/hr Truck
Bob's Noxious Weeds	Park City, MT	4	\$85/hr
Range Rider	Reed Point	3	\$90/hr

Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to take all bids under advisement. Commissioner Dell **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Special Issues Stillwater River Road Rockslide: Commissioner Dell reported two new emails have gone out to the residents in the area on updates. Shannon & Wilson are working towards the date of March 28, 2016, to perform the assessment with the rappelling and drone, Dell said.

Regular Business

1. Planning - Monica Plecker, Contract Planner, CTA, reported the City-County Planning Board met last evening and were supportive and recommended implementation of the specific Planning Tools presented, at a shared cost between the City and the County. The cost share breakdown is \$15,000 (City of Columbus) and \$10,000 (Stillwater County). Commissioner Davey said we have been discussing these planning tools for quite a while and it is a good time to make a move on it. Commissioner Dell said he agreed with Commissioner Davey and was satisfied with the presentation last week with having all his questions answered. Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the Planning Tools as presented by Monica Plecker, CTA Group, and the county share in the amount of \$10,000. Commissioner Dell **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously. Monica said a Professional Services Agreement will be forthcoming.
2. Absarokee Sewer RSID 5&7 - Treatment Alternatives and Funding Options. Commissioner Dell said Great West Engineering has compiled three options to be considered for the waste water system project. He reported and discussed the treatments and options and as follows:

T1:	Storage and Irrigation	-	\$9,801,000
T2:	BIOLC	-	\$5,593,000
T3:	Partial Mix Lagoon SAGR	-	\$4,900,000

Commissioner Dell said a Public Hearing was held in Absarokee on March 9, 2016. All materials were presented to those attending by Great West Engineering. All of the options were discussed in detail and the hearing with a 45-minute question and answer period, he said. Commissioner Dell also presented four Project Funding options as follows:

- Scenario #1 - DNRC Grant, SRF Loan (2.5%/20 yrs)
- Scenario #2 - DNRC Grant, SRF Loan Forgiveness, SRF Loan (2.5%/30 yrs)
- Scenario #3- DNRC Grant, RD Loan (2.5%/40 yrs)
- Scenario #4- DNRC Grant, 25% RD Grant, 75% RD Loan (2.5% 40/yr)

Commissioner Davey said the Board of Commissioners serve as the Absarokee RSID Board. She stated that those using the services are paying for these improvements, not the whole county. She said the county once had another RSID in Park City and they became their own district and they are their own government now. The commissioners are the board for the Absarokee RSID at this time.

Following discussion, Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve Project Funding Strategy Scenario #4 with Treatment Alternative #3

Partial Mix Lagoon with Submerged Aerated Gravel Reactor (SAGR). Commissioner Dell **SECONDED**.

Further Discussion - Commissioner Davey expressed that moving forward, the ideal thing for the Absarokee RSID would to become their own district. At the present time there is a water and sewer district in Absarokee that only addresses water, but the logical procession would be for the sewer and the water to be together in the future, Davey said.

She said she is hoping the Absarokee community realizes that and they step forward and make one district for both the sewer and the water. Commissioner Dell said quite extensive talks have taken place on trying to get this district put together right away, but with the time constraints we have to satisfy DEQ, we did not have enough time to get the district together before we made the decision on how this was going to be handled. We are hopeful that this will help the people in the boundaries of the district in Absarokee.

Vote: Commissioner Dell called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Weed District - 2017 Weed Control for MDT State roadways (excluding I-90) within Stillwater County, July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

File Items:

1. US Forest Service - is seeking public comments on the upcoming environmental analysis for grazing management of the East and West Fishtail and Little Rocky Range Allotments.
2. MT Board of Investments - INTERCAP Program - notification of loan for the purchase of two used snow plows.
3. Local 3877 - Notification of officers elected on March 14, 2016.

Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the Consent Agenda and place the file items to file. Commissioner Dell **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None heard.

Meeting Adjourned: Hearing no further business, Commissioner Davey adjourned the meeting at 9:25 AM.